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WASHINGTON -- In a effort to increase the representation of black and other women in higher level federal jobs, the U.S. Department of Labor is encouraging its employees to apply for participation in the upcoming session of the Women's Executive Leadership Program.

The program, which is sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management, is designed to to identify and develop talented women who have potential for managerial and executive level positions.

Elaine B. Murrell, the Labor Department's Federal Women's Program coordinator, called the effort an excellent one because "it gives these exceptional employees the opportunity to further utilize their outstanding skills on the executive level, especially minority women."

The 12-month program will provide participants with the training and developmental experiences needed to prepare for future opportunities as supervisors, managers and executives in the federal government.

Program participants will participate in formal classroom training, focus on key executive skills, receive rotational assignments designed to give practical management experience and exposure and participate in a one-week workshop designed to clarify the different roles of the three levels of management.

The program is open to full-time permanent employees, grades GS-9 through GS-12, on a nationwide basis.

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SAN FRANCISCO -- Bobbie Batton, a black woman employed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) here, has been recognized for serving as an outstanding role model and mentor to fellow employees.

Batton received an award from the department's regional Federal Women's Program Committee at its annual luncheon commemorating women's suffrage.

Batton works as a complaint monitor, responsible for screening and the disposition of discrimination complaints that are filed with the OFCCP. During her 30-year federal career, she has received awards for special achievement and superior performance.

Batton said she believes in helping people. She has trained clerical employees in her office to help improve their skills. She works with teenagers in San Francisco's Bayview-Hunter's Point community, assisting them with drug-related problems and teaching them secretarial skills. She also performs volunteer public relations work for the San Francisco Senior Citizens Community Choir.

The Federal Women's Program Committee is a part of the department's equal employment opportunity program. The committee sponsors activities aimed at enhancing employment and advancement opportunities for women.

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WASHINGTON -- Wesley H. Lacey fired a one-over-par 72 to win the first annual U.S. Department of Labor golf tournament at Lake Arbor Country Club in Mitchellville, Md.

Lacey received a $25 U.S. Saving Bond and his name will be engraved on a trophy that will be kept in an appropriate place in the department's headquarters building here.

Eighty-five participants, including Secretary of Labor William E. Brock, competed for prizes in six flights during the one-day tourney.

An enthusiastic Lacey said it "feels great" to have won the tournament. "I always like to win," he added.

Lacey began golfing in 1962 during his senior year at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Va.

Lacey is chief of the Division of Compensation Benefits in the Labor Department's Office of Accounting. He has been employed with the department for nearly 18 years.

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FILLERS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

The number of black female-headed families more than doubled between 1970 and 1985. In 1985, 44 percent of all black families were headed by women, compared with 23 percent of Hispanic origin families and 13 percent of white families, according to a fact sheet on working women issues by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

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The educational attainment for women maintaining families is below that for all family types. They are less likely to have completed high school or attended or graduated from college than the householder in other family groups, according to a fact sheet on working women issued by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

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Because average income among families maintained by women is low, proportionately more live below the poverty line than other families. In 1984, more than 1 of 3 families maintained by a woman was poor, compared with 1 of 14 other families, according to a fact sheet on working women issued by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

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